

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on March 11, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:**

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 516, 3/9/2021; HB 526, 3/9/2021; HB 616, 3/9/2021

**HEARING ON HB 516****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 09:01:26 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB516, Revising property entry laws for property tax valuation purposes.
- 09:01:42 Sen. Tempel entered the meeting.
- 09:02:10 Sen. McClafferty entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 09:06:32 Michael Markarian, Ramsay  
[EXHIBIT\(tas49a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

- 09:10:55 Brenden Beatty, Department of Revenue (DOR); Governor's Office
- 09:15:25 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

- 09:18:29 Robin Rude, DOR

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 09:19:03 Sen. Hertz
- 09:22:04 Mr. Beatty, DOR
- 09:22:16 Sen. Cohenour
- 09:23:29 Mr. Beatty
- 09:24:02 Sen. Sales
- 09:26:02 Ms. Rude, DOR
- 09:27:11 Sen. Tempel
- 09:27:32 Mr. Beatty
- 09:28:16 Chair Hoven
- 09:29:13 Mr. Beatty
- 09:29:41 Ms. Rude
- 09:30:47 Chair Hoven
- 09:30:50 Ms. Rude
- 09:31:24 Sen. Molnar
- 09:32:59 Ms. Rude
- 09:34:55 Sen. Hertz
- 09:36:22 Mr. Markarian, citizen
- 09:36:59 Sen. Sales
- 09:38:02 Rep. Harvey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

- 09:38:56 Rep. Harvey

**HEARING ON HB 526****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:41:29 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB526, Generally revise county assessor laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:44:03 Gale Decker, commissioner, Lake County

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:46:46 Brendan Beatty, Department of Revenue (DOR); Governor's Office

09:49:18 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, HD 16, Montana American Indian Caucus

[EXHIBIT\(tas49a02\)](#)

09:52:49 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(tas49a03\)](#)

09:54:05 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

09:54:57 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

09:55:20 Daliyah Killsback, Western Native Voice

09:55:52 Georgette Boggio, Fort Peck Tribes

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(tas49a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:57:26 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAB)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:57:44 Sen. Cohenour

09:58:12 Rep. Read

09:58:56 Sen. O'Brien

09:59:29 Mr. McAlpin, MTAB

10:00:09 Sen. Hertz

10:01:04 Mr. Beatty, DOR

10:01:14 Sen. Sales

10:01:48 Mr. Beatty

10:02:43 Sen. Hertz

10:03:30 Mr. Beatty

10:04:05 Chair Hoven

10:04:20 Mr. Beatty

10:04:31 Sen. Hertz

10:04:45 Mr. Beatty

10:05:09 Robin Rude, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:05:29 Rep. Read

**HEARING ON HB 616****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:06:46 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB616, Revise laws related to the adoption of a tax increment provision.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:08:04 Sen. Hertz  
10:08:24 Rep. Hopkins  
10:08:47 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:09:55 Sen. Tempel  
10:11:56 Mr. Coles, LSD  
10:12:34 Sen. Cohenour  
10:12:51 Mr. Coles  
10:13:10 Sen. O'Brien  
10:13:46 Rep. Hopkins  
10:15:20 Sen. Hertz  
10:15:35 Rep. Hopkins  
10:16:11 Chair Hoven  
10:18:06 Rep. Hopkins  
10:19:24 Chair Hoven  
10:19:50 Mr. Coles

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:20:44 Rep. Hopkins

**Committee Business:**

10:22:18 Chair Hoven  
10:23:18 Sen. Cohenour  
10:23:25 Chair Hoven  
10:23:37 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division  
10:24:09 Chair Hoven  
10:24:23 Sen. Tempel  
10:24:31 Chair Hoven  
10:24:35 Sen. Cohenour  
10:24:47 Chair Hoven  
10:25:05 Sen. Hertz  
10:25:24 Chair Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:26 A.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas49aad.pdf](#))